



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! As I mentioned last week, the summer seems to be the time for renewal and planning for the future. As you can tell from this week's issue, we continue to receive information about ways in which you can personally or organizationally become more skilled and wiser. Additionally, you will notice that we have an abundance of resource materials we have collected over the last year. Please take the time to review the list of materials and let us know which ones you would like to add to your organization's library and/or share with others in your community.

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On page 11 of the May 26th issue of Funding Opportunities, you will find grant information pertaining to the **Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity-Building Program**. At the time of that publication, the due date information was not available. Applications for this grant are due by **June 23, 2006**. For more information, please contact Rafael Elizalde, 800-281-9519 or ocs@lqcnnet.com

Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for the Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity Building Program. Pursuant to this announcement, ACF will award funds to experienced organizations to deliver capacity building services to faith-based and community organizations through the provision of training, technical assistance, and sub-awards. Intermediary organizations will assist faith-based and community organizations with capacity building activities in five critical areas: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, 4) revenue development strategies, and 5) community engagement. Capacity building activities increase an organization's sustainability and effectiveness, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

DUE DATE: **June 19, 2006.**

AWARD AMOUNT: Up to 10 awards totaling \$5,000,000. Average Projected Award amount will be \$500,000.

CONTACT: Rafael Elizalde at 800-281-9519 or ocs@lqcnnet.com

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html>

Online Ordering available for "Healthy Start, Grow Smart" Pamphlets

Please visit <http://www.ntis.gov/cms/index.aspx> to order free "Healthy Start, Grow Smart" pamphlets. HHS is proud to present organizations the opportunity to order the series of pamphlets for parents and caregivers, called "Healthy Start, Grow Smart." This series consists of 13 issues beginning with information on newborns through the first year of life and provides valuable, age-appropriate information about health, safety, nutritional needs, and early cognitive development that has been proven to help babies thrive. These guides are provided **free of charge** to assist organizations in reaching out to families.

The pamphlets are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. You can review the written product through the downloadable versions also found on the website. If you have any questions, please contact June Milby at 410-786-8686.

Three New Resources to Assist Faith-Based and Community Organizations Serving Those in Need

Rural Development: USDA Rural Development (RD) is committed to helping faith and community organizations learn about and access programs that can enhance their capacity to serve their community. RD's new toolkit offers a one-stop shop for organizations interested in applying for RD programs and includes supplemental resources, legal guidance for faith and community groups, and contact information for the Faith-Based and Community Initiative Office and liaisons at USDA. To use the new toolkit, click on: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/fbci/fbci_toolkit.html

Food and Nutrition Service: Five new public service announcements (PSAs) about the Food Stamp Program are now available on the Food and Nutrition Service website. Audio files and scripts for the PSAs are both available online. And, for the first time, food stamp PSAs are available in Spanish. State and local outreach providers are invited to use these PSAs in their outreach programs. Retailers are also invited to play them over their in-store audio systems. The audio files may be copied directly from the website to your local computer or a CD. For tips in pitching PSAs to your local radio stations, check out the Food Stamp Outreach Community Partner toolkit (pages 87 to 93).

To download the PSAs and other useful resources, please use the following links:

PSAs: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/radio/default.htm>

Toolkit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/tool-kits.htm>

Promising Practices: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/promising/Default.htm>

Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund: The Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund's grant cycle is underway for religious institutions in the Gulf Coast impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Funds will be used to assist houses of worship in their rebuilding and recovery efforts. Applications are being accepted through July 31st and will be reviewed and granted on a rolling basis. To apply, your organization must be a house of worship located in the affected area prior to Hurricane Katrina, and rebuild within Alabama, Louisiana, or Mississippi. For more information about the grant process and to obtain a copy of the grant guidelines (modified May 2) and application, click on: <http://www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org/>

Building the Annual Fund

Presented by: IU Center on Philanthropy - The Fund Raising School

Sponsored by: Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network and Porter County United Way

Topics include: Defining the Annual Fund; Sources of Annual Fund Gifts; Solicitation Strategies; and The Board and Fund Raising

When:

June 29th, 2006

8:30am - 4:00pm

Where:

Porter County United Way

951 Eastport Centre Drive

Valparaiso, IN 46384

Cost:

\$59.00 (includes lunch)

\$49.00 for United Way agencies



*Space is limited to 50 participants! Visit www.INRNWEST.blogspot.com for more information and workshop agenda. To register call Jillian Miller, INRN, 765-742-0139, or email inrn@glvb.org

The following informational brochures are available from the The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. They are limited in quantity and will be mailed to you on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in receiving any of these resource materials, please send your name, mailing address and the names of the brochures you are requesting to jsimpson@ofbci.in.gov . We will send them out to you as soon as possible. Quantities are limited to 10 of each.

Faith-Based

Congregation and Community Banking
Congregation and Poverty Relief
Youth Mentoring
Hunger Relief
Congregation, Spirituality and Health
Congregation and 12-step Recovery
Urban and Suburban Partnerships
Nation Resources for Faith Leaders
Nine Steps to Help Teen Pregnancy
Near Westside Neighborhoods
Clergy Notes-Ministerial Assoc. of Indianapolis
Faith Matters: How African-American Faith
Communities can Help Prevent Teen Pregnancy
No Child Left Behind and Faith-Based Leaders

Rx for Indiana

Rx for Indiana brochures
Rx for Indiana note cards

Medicare Part D

Beneficiary Resources brochures
Medicare Rx Prescription coverage
Medicare Rx Prescription coverage (Spanish)
Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage stickers)

Medicare

“Simple, Honest Help” evaluation
“Simple, Honest Help” information letter
Personal Information worksheet
Drug plans

National Service

Americorps State brochures (English & Spanish)
Americorps Vista brochures (English & Spanish)
Americorps NCCC (English & Spanish)
Seniorcorps (English & Spanish)
Corporation for National Services
Improving Service through Inclusion
Talking about Americorps
Recruiting Americorps Members
Life after Americorps
Americorps Pledge Cards
Senior Companions (Spanish)
Foster Grandparents (Spanish)

OFBCI

National Service
Opportunity for Faith-Based
& Community Organizations
PLUS Participants Volunteer Information
USDA Rural
USDA Facility Loans & Grants
Promising Practices in Faith-Based
& Community Organizations

Miscellaneous

Don't Call Me a Racist
Born to be Breastfed
When Disaster Strikes
Lifeline and Link-up
Telephone Assistance
Indiana Association of Childcare Resources and Referrals

“Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us. Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage.”

Former President Bill Clinton



Pandemic Flu Prep

This week's segment contains the final part of the Faith-Based and Community Organizations Preparedness Checklist. If you would like further information, please visit <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>



3. Plan for the impact of a pandemic on your staff, members, and the communities that you serve:

Plan for staff absences during a pandemic due to personal and/or family illnesses, quarantines, and school, business and public transportation closures. Staff may include full-time, part-time and volunteer personnel.

Work with local health authorities to encourage yearly influenza vaccination for staff, members, and persons in the communities that you serve.

Evaluate access to mental health and social services during a pandemic for your staff, members, and persons in the communities that you serve; improve access to these services as needed.

Identify persons with special needs (e.g. elderly, disabled, limited English speakers) and be sure to include their needs in your response and preparedness plan. Establish relationships with them in advance so they will expect and trust your presence during a crisis.

4. Set up policies to follow during a pandemic:

Set up policies for non-penalized staff leave for personal illness or care for sick family members during a pandemic.

Set up mandatory sick-leave policies for staff suspected to be ill, or who become ill at the worksite. Employees should remain at home until their symptoms resolve and they are physically ready to return to duty (Know how to check up-to-date CDC recommendations).

Set up policies for flexible work hours and working from home.

Evaluate your organization's usual activities and services (including rites and religious practices if applicable) to identify those that may facilitate virus spread from person to person. Set up policies to modify these activities to prevent the spread of pandemic influenza (e.g. guidance for respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette, and instructions for persons with influenza symptoms to stay home rather than visit in person.)

Follow CDC travel recommendations during an influenza pandemic. Recommendations may include restricting travel to affected domestic and international sites, recalling non-essential staff working in or near an affected site when an outbreak begins, and distributing health information to persons who are returning from affected areas.

Set procedures for activating your organization's response plan when an influenza pandemic is declared by public health authorities and altering your organizations operations accordingly.

5. Allocate resources to protect your staff, members, and persons in the communities that you serve during a pandemic:

Determine the amount of supplies needed to promote respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette and how they will be obtained.

Consider focusing your organization's efforts during a pandemic to providing services that are most needed during the emergency (e.g. mental/spiritual health or social services).

6. Coordinate with external organizations and help your community:

Understand the roles of federal, state, and local public health agencies and emergency responders and what to expect and what not to expect from each in the event of a pandemic.

Work with local and/or state public health agencies, emergency responders, local healthcare facilities and insurers to understand their plans and what they can provide, share about your preparedness and response plan and what your organization is able to contribute, and take part in their planning. Assign a point of contact to maximize communication between your organization and your state and local public health systems.

Coordinate with emergency responders and local healthcare facilities to improve availability of medical advice and timely/urgent healthcare services and treatment for your staff, members, and persons in the communities that you serve.

Share what you've learned from developing your preparedness and response plan with other Faith-Based and Community Organizations to improve community response efforts.

Work together with other Faith-Based and Community Organizations in your local area and through networks to help your communities prepare for pandemic influenza.